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# FYI: News & Notes from the HIV/AIDS Battlefront

## AIDS Seen as Serious Problem by Most: United Press International

Although a new poll shows that most Americans think AIDS is a serious problem, it also found that most people are not concerned that they will become infected. The poll, which was commissioned by Time magazine and CNN, also found that less than half of the respondents have been tested.

## Cuba Starts Testing Anti-AIDS Vaccine on Humans: Reuters

An experimental AIDS vaccine developed by Cuban scientists is being tested on 24 volunteers, President Fidel Castro announced Saturday. Through widespread HIV testing and the isolation of many AIDS patients, Cuba has curbed the spread of HIV. Authorities are concerned, however, that the rise in tourism and an increase in sexually transmitted diseases will spur the epidemic in coming years. So far, 1,408 HIV infections have been reported in Cuba, and 524 people have developed AIDS.

## Charities Debate Strategy of a Limited Time Span for Gifts: New York Times

Many U.S. charities, including New York's Aaron Diamond Foundation, plan from the beginning to reduce their assets each year for a scheduled number of years. This strategy has, in turn, spurred public debate about the most effective use of charitable spending. The Aaron Diamond Foundation will expire at the end of this year, keeping with its plan to spend its more than \$200 million within 10 years on projects that include a leading AIDS research center. The foundation, established by real estate developer Aaron Diamond

and his wife Irene, was created with "a feeling if we stuck with our priorities and really hit hard with money, we would probably be able to make a difference," Irene said.

The Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center was created with a \$25 million investment from the foundation. However, if a more conservative amount had been invested, such as \$6.5 million to \$7 million annually, the center's leading

research would have been delayed while it searched for other sources of support.

## What Do We Want?—What Kind of Impact Do You Feel These Social Movements Have Had on Today's Values?: Wall Street Journal

A Wall Street Journal poll of 2,003 Americans on values and morals found that the country's social movements over the past 30 years have improved society. Americans agreed, by margins of four to one, that the civil-rights movement, the environmental movement, the AIDS-awareness movement, the religious or family-values movement, and the women's movement have all had positive impacts on society. The AIDS awareness movement was more widely approved of than the "religion and family-values movement." Even among those who said they were very religious, 78 percent said the AIDS-awareness movement has had a positive impact on society.

## Bittersweet Lessons as a Family Reunites: New York

### Times

"Marvin's Room," the film version of a 1991 play by Scott McPherson, is made especially memorable because of its strong casting and history. The play opened in New York just before McPherson died of AIDS. "Now I am 31 and my lover has AIDS," he wrote in the original program for the play. "Our friends have AIDS. And we all take care of each other, the less sick caring for the more sick. At times, an unbelievable harsh fate is transcended by a simple act of love, by caring for one another," the author added. The play combines death and spiritual healing in a family story based on his own life.

## Nobel Laureate to Head Panel Pushing for AIDS Vaccine: New York Times

Nobel Laureate microbiologist David Baltimore will head the government's AIDS vaccine research effort, the National Institutes of Health announced Thursday. Baltimore will chair a committee to search for new vaccine approaches and revitalize the decade-long project. The

appointment of a vaccine research leader was called for in a major report on the nation's AIDS research effort released earlier this year. Baltimore's appointment was applauded by researchers, advocates for AIDS patients, and critics of current vaccine development efforts.

## AIDS Experts Stress Basic Research: United Press International

Basic scientific research is needed in the fight against AIDS and should continue to receive federal funding, AIDS experts told President Clinton Tuesday. Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Center for Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said he told Clinton that basic research played a major role in two of the biggest recent breakthroughs—the discovery of the receptor that provides HIV protection to some people, and the development of the protease inhibitor drugs. Clinton pledged to maintain the administration's commitment to AIDS research. "I'm determined to keep pressing until we have a vaccine and ultimately a cure," he said.

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# GMOC UPDATE

by Kirk Starkie, Program Administrator

## FREE CONDOMS AND PIZZA!!!

Now that I have your attention, let me reassure you that the GAY MEN'S OUTREACH CREW (GMOC) is very much alive and kicking and looking forward to a productive year in 1997. I came on board about two weeks ago and for a six month term and am hoping to carry on in the fine tradition of my predecessors Cam Rycroft, Mark Bilko, Brent Allen, Denis Couillard and anyone else I might have forgotten. It will be a definite challenge! Some days it's difficult to stay focused since my office walls are covered with posters of naked men enjoying each others company, but I will persevere in spite of the tremendously hard working conditions. Perhaps I need a poster of Roseanne in a bikini to keep my mind on work. Now where was I?...Oh yeah, this article.

## WHAT THE HECK IS GMOC?

The Gay Men's Outreach Crew is part of the Education Department of the AIDS Network of Edmonton Society. It was formed to address the issue of educating gay and bisexual men in the Edmonton area as to the facts of HIV, the joys of safer gay sex, and the pride in being gay. GMOC brings its message to men through displays and condom "blitzes" at gay positive nightclubs and events, distributing positive safer sex messages, posters and literature, and by promoting workshops offered to men who have sex with men. While GMOC has evolved and will continue to grow, it remains a dedicated collective of gay men who recognize the importance of self-esteem, and who believe that spreading the message of pride in one's self and community and the joy of safer gay sex is critical in reducing the spread of HIV infection.

## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

All workshops are free, but space is limited so register early so you won't miss out! Call Kirk at 488-5742 from 9 to 5, Monday through Friday, or leave a message on our 24 hour Hotline at 988-3671.

## COMING OUT IN THE 90'S

February 19 - March 26, 1997; Wednesdays 7 - 10 PM  
Six weekly sessions for men of all ages in the early stages of coming to terms with being gay. Some issues that might be discussed include; self-acceptance, homophobia (in our community, in society, in ourselves), relationships, shame, guilt and anger, meeting people, and who to tell. Learn more about yourself and your potential in a safe and caring environment.

## BEING GAY IN THE 90'S

February 20 - April 10, 1997; Thursdays 7 - 10 PM  
Eight group directed sessions exploring risk taking, relationships, negotiating, and "coming out" in the social, political, spiritual, and sexual climate of the gay community in the 90's and beyond!

## MEN MEETING MEN IN THE 90'S

"SEX, DATING AND INTIMACY"  
April 16 - May 7, 1997; Wednesdays 7 - 10 PM  
Four weekly sessions exploring different aspects of relationships; being comfortable with love, relationships, sex, discovering, enjoying and maintaining relationships, being gay and strengthening bonds with each other and within the community.

GMOC is always looking for new and committed volunteers to join one of our crews.

The profile of a GMOC Volunteer;  
YOU ARE....

- gay or bisexual (heterosexuals need not apply - if you have a problem with this, take me to the Alberta Human Rights Commission...HA!)
- completely non-judgmental about various lifestyles
- without a bias toward or against any particular relationship style
- comfortable in gay environments such as gay bars, dances, and groups
- any one of; energetic, theatrical, charismatic, witty, humorous, courageous
- caring about the men in the gay community
- interested in developing those skills and increasing the knowledge that will assist GMOC in achieving its goals
- 5'10", 170 lb., jet black hair, sparkling blue eyes, dazzling white smile, hairy chest and legs, warm, funny, intelligent, kind, caring, artistic, romantic, passionate, sincere, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound, but definitely NOT faster than a speeding bullet.

(Actually, these last criteria are not necessary for GMOC membership, but if you fit this description, a special position will be found for you!)

## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

### GMOC ADVOCACY CREW

Participates in other organizations such as GALA, GLCCE, Police Liaison Committee, etc. representing GMOC and building community ties. Also writes articles and position papers for internal and external use.

### GMOC FACILITATORS CREW

Facilitates our various safer sex and lifestyles workshops. Skills include; understanding of group dynamics and process, good communication skills, a non-judgmental and sensitive attitude, and the ability to research and direct group discussions.

### GMOC MARKETING AND INNOVATIONS CREW

Plans, develops and produces promotional, outreach, advertising and workshop materials. Enthusiasm or experience in graphic design or public relations are definite assets.

### GMOC OUTREACH CREW

Outgoing, dynamic, flexible and friendly people are needed to carry out our direct education campaigns in a variety of settings. Distribution of condoms and "party favors", encouraging and discussing safer sexual behavior, and providing information to our community about services available are some of the duties of the Outreach Crew. A great way to meet men!

## GENERAL MEETING

For all members- past, present or future - a GMOC General Membership Meeting will be held at the AIDS Network, #201, 11456 - Jasper Avenue on Wednesday, January 15, 1997 at 7 PM in the Large Boardroom. PIZZA will be provided!! Please bring your ideas and input with you! The GAY MEN'S OUTREACH CREW relies on volunteers like YOU, and we all need to know what YOU think needs to be done or what issues YOU would like to see addressed, so that GMOC can serve the community better.

Feel free to give Kirk a call at 488-5742 with any questions, concerns, ideas or for a chat. An advance call to confirm your attendance at the meeting would be appreciated, so that I can get an idea as to how many pizzas to order. I'm looking forward to meeting you. Until then, remember that a good man is hard to find, but a hard man is great to find! Stay healthy and play safe!



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# The Great Taboo: Gay Youth and Suicide

by Christopher Bagley, Ph.D. and Pierre Tremblay, B.Sc., B.Ed.

Faculty of Social Work, University of Calgary

For the first time in North America, a data-based estimate was produced for the proportion of the male youth attempted suicide problem accounted for by gay/bisexual males: They accounted for more than half (62.5%) of the problem! This estimate was made possible as the result of the demographic data (based on self-identification and/or current sexual activity) produced in the same study. Mainstream suicidologists almost never solicited such data in their studies of suicidality problems.



This implication of these findings are monumental. The Bell & Weinberg results (usually dismissed or ignored by mainstream - apparently highly homophobic - suicidologists) have now been confirmed. It is also recognized, on the basis of the best research data available (our results and the 1978 Bell & Weinberg results), that a major suicidality problem has existed in the gay and bisexual male youth population for at least 50 years. The available information suggests that the problem has existed for at least one hundred years.

The "homosexuality factor" has generally been ignored by mainstream researchers of youth suicidality problems, and by most suicidologists who developed youth suicide intervention and prevention programs. How much of society's resources - and time - allocated to male adolescent and youth suicidality problems should therefore be used to address gay/bisexual male suicidality problems? At least 60%, or more if suicidologists are to compensate for the incredible (lethal) neglect of this problem. This may not happen, however, because the not so hidden agenda of mainstream suicidologists may be generally rendered by: "Let's do everything possible to avoid homosexuality issues in our research and in our youth suicide intervention and prevention work."

A major media investigation should be done about the scandalous (homophobic?) situation which has existed in suicidology, and journalists should beware of information given by those in charge of suicide prevention/intervention programs. Individuals who have received youth suicide intervention and prevention education and training should be contacted to determine how much education they actually received about "the homosexuality factor" in male youth (and female youth) suicidality problems. In this respect, a "next to nil" situation - usually only a token mention - has existed in Calgary where a number of recent related scandalous situations remain to be reported on. These involve the Calgary Board of Education, the

Canadian Mental Health's Suicide Services, and others. With respect to gay and lesbian youth issues, all in Calgary have essentially been getting away with murder and the 'forces' which caused this are still alive and well.

#### An important analysis-based hypothesis or conclusion:

Data from our study, combined with the data available from other suicidality studies, permitted the following tentative (best available) conclusion: In the male adolescent/youth population, it is almost always homosexually oriented male adolescents and youths who have been committing suicide.

In our sample, homosexually oriented males (forming about 11% of the sample) accounted for 26% of males reporting self-harm activities, but homosexual/bisexual males accounted for 62.5% of males reporting the most serious form of self-harm studied: an attempt at self-killing. The implications are that homosexual/bisexual males may therefore represent an even greater proportion of male adolescents and youths in the most serious self-harm category, but they were not available for study; they had committed suicide. This conclusion is also suggested on the basis of research results produced in other studies.

I am now working on a significant suicide factor which has not yet been recognized by suicidologists; related information is being circulated in Calgary. "Being gifted" (in a special way) is implicated, more than being gay or bisexual. A history of child sexual abuse appears to be a factor, but not in ways which have yet been recognized and understood. The last word in the male youth suicide problems is far from having been written, but progress is being made.

#### Do the Bagley & Tremblay (1996) results reflect the situation existing in the entire homosexually oriented male adolescent and youth population?

Not quite, given the nature of our sample. The area in Calgary where young adult homosexually oriented gay/bisexual males are the most concentrated - the greater gay community area - was not represented in our sample. Related suicidality information, however, has been available for gay/bisexual male youth more intimately associated with North American gay communities. Twelve studies report a 20 to 50 percent attempted suicide rate; our study of gay/bisexual male youth living outside the gay community area reports an attempted suicide rate of 6.1%. Using the available research data, the best estimate for the lifetime adolescent attempted suicide rate of gay/bisexual males in North America is estimated at 22%. The estimated attempted suicide rate for heterosexual male adolescents would be about 1.1%. By the age of 20, gay/bisexual males have been about 20-times more likely to have attempted suicide than heterosexual males. Journalists reporting the "6.1%" attempted suicide rate for gay/bisexual male youth should qualify it.

#### The "child sexual abuse" factor in male youth suicidality problems:

The first report of data from our study sample (a 1994 paper) emphasized that a history of "child sexual abuse" (occurring before the age of 17) was a significant factor in male youth suicidality problems (for 6 out of 8 suicide attempts), but this conclusion was made before the "homosexuality factor" was investigated. The 'picture' changed considerably when "sexual orientation" (5 out of 8 suicide attempts) was factored out. For gay and bisexual male youth, the Remafedi et al. (1991) analysis revealed that

"child sexual abuse," by itself, was not implicated in suicide attempts of gay and bisexual male youth. Homosexuality-related factors (such as the age of self-identification and being effeminate), however, were significantly implicated in gay/bisexual male youth having been at the greatest risk for a suicide attempt.

A major scandal has been perpetrated in the field of "child sexual abuse" which should be investigated and reported on by insightful journalists. Often enough for youth having a history of child sexual abuse, if they are also manifesting a homosexual orientation, the homosexual orientation is pathologized.

Homosexual desires are blamed on the sexual abuse, and the therapy for sexual abuse is nothing more than a thinly disguised (very harmful and potentially lethal) treatment for the youth's (often unwanted) homosexual orientation. This scenario has been reported to often happen in Toronto. It has also been reported to exist in Calgary, and it is probably occurring throughout North America. The field of child sexual abuse has been more "political" than scientific, and it has also been rife with homophobia and major ethical problems. Unfortunately, the media has been participating in this scandalous situation.

A great stressor for boys who have been sexually abused is having a homosexual orientation. This was revealed in a 1985 Calgary-based professional summary of research results from a study of males reporting a history of being sexually abused: "In other words, males who were recruited to a homosexual life-style through these assaults were those whose self-concept was adversely affected."

The most distressed boys are (obviously) the ones manifesting a homosexual orientation, but this reality was reworked for gay-bashing purposes. The common belief that "being sexually abused" causes a person to become homosexually oriented (the infamous "recruiting" myth) is used to explain the most negative results of child sexual abuse.

The homophobia manifested here, and the homophobia commonly existing in the 'therapeutic' world, would exacerbate the distress of these boys (possibly resulting in suicide attempts or even a suicide) which would then be blamed on the child sexual abuse. It is society's homophobia (and the well documented homophobia of its therapists), however, which may have been most often causal in the great distress manifested by young males who were sexually abused.

The implications of this information are monumental, and a major investigative report should be done about the great sham which has existed in the child sexual abuse field. Most of the research results on the sexual abuse of boys have not factored out "the homosexual orientation factor," and the same omission has occurred in the research investigating the negative effects of child sexual abuse on girls. Statistical correlation between a history of child sexual abuse and resulting harmful effects are, at best, marginal, thus suggesting that another factor may be implicated in the reported negative outcomes only attributed to the sexual abuse. With respect to female prostitutes, for example, the high rate of child sexual abuse is linked to their problems, but a different perception results when it is known that many of them are sexually active with other women. Unfortunately, this telltale indicator of a homosexual orientation is commonly dismissed by attributing their enjoyed homosexual activities to their hatred for men said to result from the child sexual abuse and their paid sexual encounters with men. The myth that gay males have sex with men because they hate women died long ago, but its equivalent myth lives on in certain sectors of the female population.

#### Other gay/bisexual male youth problems:

The available research data reveals that gay/bisexual male adolescents are at high risk for having other major problems such as developing drug and/or alcohol use/abuse problems, experiencing declining academic achievement, becoming truant and dropping out of school, becoming throwaways, delinquents, street youth, and homeless, contracting STDs and HIV, engaging in prostitution, being abused verbally and physically, etc.. In this respect, a major media investigation should be done. It should include reporting on what professionals are doing to help these "at risk" youth, and what their education/training has been in this respect.



#### What happens when distressed gay/bisexual male youth seek help from the ones entrusted (and paid) to help youth?

Related information is available in Canada from Central Toronto Youth Services (CTYS). In 1993, one CTYS study reported that gay/bi male teenagers in the youth residence system were in a "profoundly dangerous" environment. A 1994 CTYS study revealed that drug/alcohol treatment programs were, as a rule, also dangerous to the health and welfare of gay/bisexual male youth. What happens, however, if these youth seek help for their suicidality problems? A related study was not done for reasons which should be investigated and reported on.

Toronto harbors Canada's largest gay and lesbian communities and it appears to be Canada's most gay-positive city. It may therefore be anticipated that even greater harm (which includes not having qualified services) is being inflicted on distressed gay, lesbian, and bisexual adolescents and youth throughout most of Canada, and most of the United States. Almost half of American states still deem same-gender sexual contacts to be criminal acts.

The investigative work done in Calgary reveals that, until I began doing gay/lesbian/bisexual youth education work, institutions and organizations with a focus on young problem prevention and/or intervention had not been advised by anyone (even from the gay and lesbian communities, including P/FLAG -Parent & Friends of Lesbians and Gays) about the "high risk" status of homosexually oriented youth. Their gay and lesbian employees had also avoided providing such information, and the same applies for their gay or lesbian consultants if such individuals were acting in this capacity. The only exception occurred with respect to HIV prevention education, but great compromises of integrity were often made in this respect.

#### An important fact to consider when reporting on gay/bisexual adolescent/youth realities:

Gay, lesbian, and bisexual adolescents/youth can be expected to go through highly problematic periods, especially with respect to coming out. Often enough, however, they are stereotyped to be "basket cases," which is not true. Our research indicates that most gay/bisexual young adult males - the ones who are sexually active - have a current mental health status (depression scores) comparable to their heterosexual counterparts. It is celibate homosexually oriented males who are the most distressed, followed by celibate heterosexual males.

Male celibacy should be evaluated on the basis of the males who are celibate. Our study results reveal that male celibacy is, as a rule for young adult males, associated with mental health problems (high levels of depression) for both homosexual and heterosexual

males.

#### A related issue: The "Boys with Men" reality

A significant number of homosexually oriented males report having had enjoyable (often sought out) sex with men when they were in their early to mid-teens, some having done this by the age of 12, or even younger. A number of gay males I have met reported having had such a history, and similar accounts have been rendered in books and gay magazines. This knowledge has also been the product of studies of gay/bisexual males (e.g. The Gay Report, 1979; Male Prostitution, 1993), and even studies of average males (e.g. the sample taken for our study).

Depending on the nature of adult males with whom these boys were involved with in the past 15 years, and the sexual activities engaged in, the boys may or may not have been at high risk for contracting STDs or HIV. It is known, however, that male teenagers who have been part of study samples taken in gay communities have been coming out at a younger age. They have also been at high risk for having problems ranging from having been runaways, having engaged in prostitution (for survival reasons and, often enough, to meet the man of their dreams), and having been sexually abused, to having attempted suicide and developing problems requiring chemical dependency treatment.

The fact that many homosexually oriented male teenagers have sex with men has been largely ignored by North American education efforts to prevent the spread of HIV. AIDS organizations have had "Men with Men" safer sex education programs, but silence (as in Silence Kills!) has existed about the traditional "Boys with Men" reality existing in North America; "Boys with Men" safer sex education programs have been avoided. Yet, it was known that boys at high risk for having suicidality problems - as in wanting to die - will not practise safer sex to save their lives.

With respect to the unprofessional conduct implicated in AIDS organizations ignoring the "Boys with Men" reality, I may be contacted about the situation which has existed at AIDS Calgary. By 1991, AIDS Calgary was receiving information about the well known and documented "boys with men" sexual reality, but AIDS Calgary refused to effectively address this reality in their "safer sex" education efforts. Yet, it was boys having sex with men who were at the greatest risk for contracting HIV at the youngest age.

Why were these boys not targeted for effective "safer sex" education. Why was this well known reality ignored? Gay community leaders and "safer sex" educators who say that they did not know about this reality are probably lying. If not, they should then not have the positions they occupy. Almost everyone, including mainstream suicidologists, have therefore been participating in maintaining a maximum casualty status in the gay/bisexual male adolescent population. This is a reality rendered in The Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Factor in the Youth Suicide Problem.

#### Information mostly for journalists which would also be of

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#### interest to others:

When homosexually oriented people were wrongly deemed to be mentally disordered by psychiatrists and psychologists, why did journalists not investigate and report the scandal rooted in unprofessional and unscientific behavior? Was it because the abuse was directed at a group of people society hated? Did the media indifference (or silence) mean that media people approved of such abuse, at least tacitly? Did not the media behave similarly in Nazi Germany? What was the "media" situation in the southern American states when Afro-American males were being lynched?

Where have the journalists been with respect to investigating and reporting on the situation existing in youth suicidology? With respect to this scandal, most of the investigative work has already been done by myself, but more could be done. To date, journalists have missed "the major story" related to the reported Bagley & Tremblay research results. The question is "WHY?"

I ventured into suicidology as the result of authoring a 1991 investigative report. I had asked Calgary's youth problem prevention professionals: "What are you doing to help gay and lesbian youth?" The answer was "Nothing!" Generally, these youth were not perceived to exist, and little was known about their high risk for having one or more of the major youth problems. The professionals who knew about the problems, however, had been afraid to do anything to help these children and youth, fearing punishments by colleagues and superiors if such a concern was manifested. In the 1992 book, Coming Out of the Classroom Closet, Karen Harbeck reports that the same "punishment" situation has existed in universities. The abuse and neglect of gay, lesbian, and bisexual children and youth has therefore not been an accident.

The tragically rampant abuse of gay, lesbian, and bisexual children and youth in schools by teachers, peers, curricula, etc., combined with an almost complete lack of qualified services for these youth, should have been the object of major media investigation reports. Such endeavors never occurred in Calgary, in Alberta, throughout most of Canada, and probably throughout most of the United States. As a rule, our history reveals that when the media has been silent about the abuses of the ones we have hated, the perpetrators of abuses always recognized that they essentially had a licence to abuse. Others had been given a licence to ignore what was happening, even if the victims were children and youth.

*(editor's note) Due to the amount of information that is available we were unable to publish the entire report. However, this information is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.virtualcity.com/youthsuicide>.*

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Considering our youth, this will be an amazing season. On February 22, 1997, we will be presenting our annual cabaret with a pronounced twist. In a twinning of resources and cause with the Delwin Vriend Defence Fund, EVM will host the **FLIRTATIONS** at what is seen as one of our great events. The cabaret has been repositioned and revamped as a **MARDI GRAS**. This will be a **Masqued Affair** with hand-crafted masks available at the door for a modest donation. The event will be as stated as an understatement will allow.

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congregations, has on the community it represents. We recognize an imperative to address the needs and value systems of our youth. Many of our members are parents, either gay, lesbian or heterosexual, or a wonderful combination of all or some of the above. There are also among us the youth who are struggling with their own identity, most times in closeted privacy. To this end we have put into place the mechanism that would allow us to admit youth to our choir and in so doing have added a welcome diversity to our identity. The chorus voted to promote the creation of a youth chorus to work with EVM and to be parented by EVM.

EVM is also pleased to announce the upcoming performances on Friday April 11 and Saturday April 12, 1997, with the **ALBERTA BALLET** and the **EDMONTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** of Mozart's **Requiem**. In an organization of such infancy, it is remarkable that we have gained this recognition and we are humbled by it. We, as a chorus, were immediately challenged by the opportunity and recognize the achievement of confidently studying this great classic. This event is without a doubt, our great endeavour of 1997.



Our final concert of the year is **DECADES OF PRIDE** at Convocation Hall on June 28, 1997, at which we will reprise David Maddux's **Boys and Girls With Stories**. This concert will remind us all of the depth of the struggle and the successes we have realized. We will be celebrating Pride week with great music, good laughter, delight, humour and a well deserved sense of being as an organization.

Highlighting 1998 is the **CANADIAN GALA FESTIVAL '98**, to which EVM is inviting **GALA** choruses of Canada to Edmonton for a choral music extravaganza that will undoubtedly make great strides in our bid to achieve the most basic human rights recognition in this province. This event will require the input and community participation of as many as can get involved. The Festival '98 Committee will entertain any and all commitments for assistance in making this **THE** event in Edmonton in 1998.

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Dear Sassy,

My lover and I have been together for over two years now; we have an incredible sex life, yet I find myself cruising and picking up other guys for safe casual sex. Would this be considered cheating?

Drifter

Dear Rover

Honey, as soon as you expose your bits to others for libidinous intentions, it's called adultery. I ask you realistically, how would you feel if you discovered your paramour in a compromising position? I believe you should tell your partner, regardless of how you think he might react; he deserves to know. If he does accept this; just imagine the fantastic sex the two, or three, or four of you could share!!!

Dear Sassy,

I've been reading your column and I have a few thoughts to share with you. First of all, who do you think you are giving advice to strangers when you don't have any formal training credited to you? Are you aware of the damage you can cause? And lastly, I find you

# Dear Sassy

incredibly ridiculous. Do you really have this large of a vocabulary, or do you spend your days reading the dictionary and thesaurus? Come on Sassy and listen to your own advice, "Get a Life," you dizzy bitch.

Undermined Intelligence.

Dear Sassyland Public Enemy,

I have never claimed to have any credited formal training. I see myself as having been trained by life. Was Buddha ever formally trained? Hmm? I think not. By the way Mr. Ostentatious, I do own dictionaries and a thesaurus. Intelligence is absolute power. If people are aren't sharp enough to understand what you are stating, they'll have no response to utter. That's what secures my position as Queen of Sassyland, and brands you, as Isis my personal Zen Master, astrologer and personal confidant would say, "A servile peon at the bottom of the food chain." Next!

Dear Sassy,

I've just recently reentered the "single's scene" after being in an eight year monogamous relationship. I'm finding it rather difficult to approach and talk to men that I'm attracted to. I don't want to start a serious relationship, but would rather date casually. Any words of wisdom would be appreciated.

Unattached

Dear Single,

I'm free for dinner. But seriously, casual dating generally implies an extended one night stand, and if that's what you're interested in, you shouldn't have any hesitation at all. The world is full of men who fall into the same phylum as you, not everybody wants to settle down, get a dog, and maintain a meticulously manicured meadow. So next time you're at the club and see someone you'd like to occupy, employ these tried

and trued proclamations of carnality:

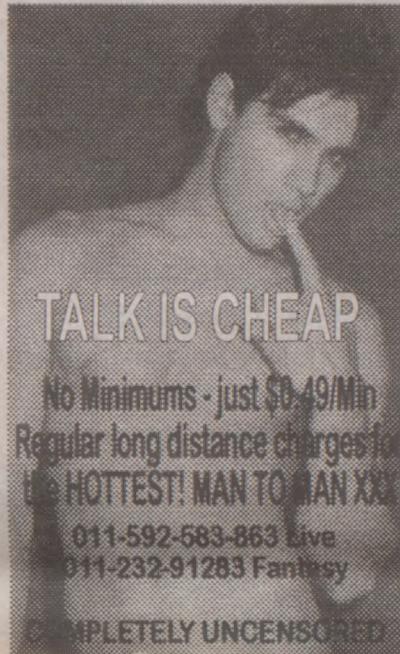
"Excuse me, fuck me if I'm wrong, but isn't that Elvis over there." Don't use this line in Vegas, or you'll be spending a lot of time choking your chicken.

"Hi, I've got an IQ of 140 and I swallow."

"Nice belt." There's a long story to go with this, but I'll keep it to myself. Try it out though and please let me know if it works.

"I've been undressing you with my eyes for the past hour, and I'd like to compare my fantasy with your reality."

I'm sure you get the idea, but if pick up lines aren't your style, then try being yourself and honest. People who aren't interested in playing games respond to sincerity.



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# What's a "Garage" Burger Bar & Grill?

by Andrew Struther

In a city ruled by the kings of fast-food, two new burger barons have begun jousting for the Best Burger in Edmonton Crown. The Garage Burger Bar & Grill, located at 10242 106 Street, one block south of Grant MacEwan on 106 Street, is already an urban legend. Renowned for serving homemade burgers grilled to perfection, delectable home cut fries and the tastiest gravy around. New owners Jim and Ross intend to keep it that way, and then some. "We tried the burgers and we're hooked," says Jim.

Shunning the heat lamp and microwave attitude of some more infamous burger joints, Ross and Jim are trying to achieve burger supremacy through innovation and creativity. A touch of teriyaki can turn an ordinary fledgling hamburger into a heroic taste experience. The Garage's aptly named Teriyaki Burger, a teriyaki glazed patty topped with pineapple and a slab of mozzarella cheese, is not just a



burger. If you're a fan of zydeco music or just enjoy a good party, nothing can match the Cajun Burger. A fresh bun soaks up the mildly spiced Cajun sauce poured over a juicy all beef patty with necessary Monterey Jack cheese, diced onions, lettuce and tomato.

"Hands down the favorite burger around here has to be the Garlic

Mushroom," exalts Jim. Fresh sliced mushrooms pan fried in garlic butter and oregano are heaped onto a party already covered in cheddar cheese, onions, lettuce and tomato.

Besides great appetizers and royalty burgers, The Garage also possesses the rarest of restaurant qualities. Feel like an intimate dinner for two, the lights down low, soft music in the background, and gravy dripping from the corners of your mouth. How about an office party blow out, music pumping, gales of laughter from one end of the table to the other, and gravy dripping from the corners of your mouth. Either way, The Garage can accommodate. Friendly staff, great food, and a relaxed atmosphere make the first date or thirtieth anniversary bash a memorable occasion. Never resting on their laurels, however, the new Crown Princes of the burger biz have plans to smooth out the restaurants ambiance. "The palace is going to have a facelift, slowly but surely," assures Ross.

So if you are looking for a delicious and affordable restaurant experience, come on down to The Garage where Jim and Ross hold court for lunch or dinner and taste for yourself the flavor that will dethrone the Burger Kings. (Photo by Sandy Correia)

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# For Children Who Were Broken

by Elia Wise

For Children Who Were Broken

it is very hard to mend.....  
Our pain was rarely spoken  
and we hid the truth from friends.  
Our parents said they loved us,  
but they didn't act that way.  
They broke our hearts  
and stole our worth,  
with the things that they would say.  
We wanted them to love us.  
We didn't know what we did  
to make them yell at us  
and hit us,  
and wish we weren't their kid.

They'd beat us up and scream at us  
and blame us for their lives.

Then they'd hold us close inside their arms  
and tell us confusing lies  
of how they really loved us —  
even though we were BAD,  
and how it was OUR fault they hit us,  
OUR fault that they were mad.  
When days were just beginning  
we sometimes prayed for them to end,  
and when the pain kept coming,  
we learned to just pretend  
that we were good  
and so were they  
and this was just  
on of those days ...  
tomorrow we'd be friends.  
We had to believe it so.  
We had nowhere else to go.  
Each day that we pretended,  
we replaced reality  
with lies, or dreams,  
or angry schemes,  
in search of dignity ..  
until our lies  
got bigger than the truth.  
and we had no one real to be

Our bodies were forsaken  
With no safe place to hide,  
we learned to stop

hearing and feeling what they did to our outsides  
We tried to make them love us,  
till we hated ourselves instead.  
and couldn't see a way out.  
and wished that they were dead  
We scared ourselves by thinking that,  
and scared ourselves to know,  
that we were acting just like them —  
and might ever more be so  
To be half the size of a grown-up  
and trapped inside their pain.  
To every day lose everything  
with no savior or refrain...

To wonder how it is possible  
that God could so forget  
the worthy child you knew you were,  
when you had not been damaged yet ...  
To figure on your fingers  
that the years till you'd be grown  
enough to leave the torment  
and survive away from home,  
were more than you could count to,  
or more than you could bear,  
was the reality we lived in  
and we knew it wasn't fair.  
We who grew up broken  
are somewhat out of time.  
struggling to mend our childhood,  
when our peers are in their prime.  
Where others find love

and contentment.  
we still often have to strive  
to remember we are worthy,  
and heroes just to be alive.  
Some of us are healing,  
some are stealing.  
Most are passing the anger on.  
Some give their lives away to drugs,  
or the promise of like beyond.  
Some still hide from society.  
Some struggle to belong.  
But all of us are wishing  
the past would not hold on  
so long.  
There's a lot of digging sown to do  
to find the child within,  
to love away the ugly pain  
and feel innocence again.  
There is forgiveness  
worthy of angel's wings  
for remembering those at all,  
who abused our sacred childhood  
and programmed us to fall.  
To seek to understand them,  
and how their pain became our own,  
is to risk the ground we stand on  
to climb the mountain home.  
The journey is not so lonely  
as in the past it's been ...  
More of us are strong enough  
to let the growth begin.  
But while we're trekking  
up the mountain  
we need everything we've got,

to face the adults we have become,  
and all that we are not.

So when you see us weary  
from the day's internal climb ...  
When we find fault  
with your best efforts,  
or treat imperfection  
as purposeful crime ...  
When you see our quick defenses,  
our efforts to control,  
our readiness to form a plan  
of unrealistic goals ...  
When we run into a conflict  
and fight to the bitter end,  
remember ...  
We think that winning means  
we won't be hurt again.  
When we abandon OUR thoughts  
and feelings,  
to be what we believe YOU  
want us to,  
or look at trouble we're having,  
and want to blame it all on you...  
When life calls for new beginnings,  
and we fear they're doomed to end,  
remember...  
Wounded trust is like a wounded knee—  
It is very hard to bend.  
Please remember this  
when we are out of sorts.  
Tell us the truth, and be our friend.  
For children who were broken...  
it is very hard to mend.



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# Our SUPPORT Groups & SERVICES

**AIDS Network of Edmonton Society**  
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**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
A A is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Call 424-5900 for times and places of Gay and Lesbian meetings

**AXIOS - Edmonton**  
AXIOS is an international organization of Eastern Orthodox and Eastern-Rite Catholic Gay and Lesbian Christians. Our mandate is to promote a greater understanding of human sexuality and spirituality within the Eastern Christian tradition. The AXIOS monthly newsletter is available via the Internet. Contact Dushan at 454-8449 for more information.

**Bare Naked Boys Club of Edmonton - BNBCE**  
A naturalist group of gay men in Edmonton interested in social nudity. This is not a sex club. Men of all ages welcome. Call Fred at 469-7231 for information.

**Dignity Edmonton**  
This Edmonton chapter is a support community for gay, lesbian Catholics and friends. Contact Bernard at 451-1794 or Dennis at 482-6845

**Edmonton Prime Timers**  
Prime Timers is a social fraternity for older gay and bisexual men and their friends. The purpose of Prime Timers is to provide an opportunity for mature gay men to fraternize and join together in a program of social activities. Meetings held 2nd Sunday each month at the Unitarian Church at 3:00 p.m. If you would like more information address correspondence to Chairman, Edmonton Prime Timers, Suite 1093, 11444 - 119 Street, Edmonton, T5G 2X6. Contact Terry at 477-3463.

**Edmonton Vocal Minority**  
We are a group of women and men who join together in a common love for music, and the desire to build a greater spirit of unity and pride in the gay and lesbian community. We strive to bridge the gap which can separate us from the mainstream of society. Persons who wish to sing with the choir should call David at 424-1561. Support members are welcome to join by phoning Lorna at 423-6987.

**Feather of Hope Aboriginal AIDS Prevention Society**  
The Feather of Hope was founded on a need to provide AIDS education and support to Native People in Alberta. Through education and the development of communities in partnership, it is hoped that the spread of AIDS will be lessened. We offer training and education programs, as well as support through

traditional ways. Volunteers are very important to us, if you can help, or would simply like some more information call 488-5773

**Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton (G.L.C.C.E.)**  
The centre contributes to the well-being of Edmonton's gay, lesbian and bisexual community through informational, social support services and its social information line. The services offered by the centre include an information line, telephone referrals, library, drop-in peer support counselling and social activities arranged and sponsored by the centre. Further information is available at 488-3234

**Gaylines**  
A special telephone service is available. The intent of this line is to aid in the forming of a central information net that will aid all walks of life. Messages are outgoing only. The line is setup in a single location that will be permanent and will also be listed in the phone directory. It is free to all Alternative Lifestyles. Support groups, Clubs, Individuals and Businesses. Call 486-9661 to request your mailbox.

**Gay Men's Outreach Crew (G.M.O.C.)**  
G.M.O.C. is a peer education initiative for gay/bisexual men that works toward preventing the spread of HIV amongst men who have sex with men, advocating for healthy lifestyle choices, and addressing social and health concerns by fostering self-esteem and gay positive attitudes. For information on G.M.O.C. workshops and other activities contact Kirk at 488-5742, or call our Hotline at 988-3671.

**Gay and Lesbian Awareness (G.A.L.A.)**  
We are an organization interested in human rights issues especially related to sexual orientation and changing Federal and Provincial legislation. We are always interested in new members. If you are interested call Murray Billet at 482-7421

**Illusions Social Club**  
A social club for Crossdressers, Transsexuals and their supporters. Our main goal is to provide a discreet and friendly atmosphere where we can socialize. We also provide information and peer support. We hold two socials each month, one on the second Thursday and one on the third Saturday. For more information write to Illusions Social Club, Box 33002, Glenwood P.O., Edmonton, AB, T5P 4V8; or phone either 488-3234 (GLCCE) on Tuesday evenings to talk to someone person to person or 486-9661 box 1 to leave a message.

**Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose**  
The mission of the Court is to raise funds for charities and other organizations which either provide direct services to gay and lesbian individuals. Meetings of the Society are held monthly on the last Wednesday. For meeting location and time please see the Court notice boards in Boots and Saddle or the Roost. You may also call Gaylines at 486-9661 and press box 27. <http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/5904>

**Interfaith Association on AIDS Edmonton**  
The purpose of this association is to sensitize local faith communities and their leaders to the unique spiritual and emotional needs of those infected by HIV/AIDS. The following faith communities are included: Anglican, Baha'i, Baptist, Beth Shalom Synagogue, Lutheran, Metropolitan Community Church, Roman Catholic, Temple Beth Ora, Ukrainian Catholic, Unitarian and United Churches. Phone 448-1768 for more information.

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**Liaison Committee. The**  
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**Lipstick Lesbian Youth Peer Support**  
This is an organization intended to allow all femme lesbians and bisexuals the chance to meet and realize that they are not alone. Our goal is not to segregate the lesbian community, but to acknowledge that femmes do exist. This is an opportunity to meet and socialize with other femmes. Please call 988-4836 for more information

**Living Positive**  
Emotional, spiritual and psychological support is available through Living Positive to all those affected by HIV infection. We offer strong, loving, confidential support. We also meet weekly and share our mutual experiences. Living Positive is entirely directed by and for people who share a common diagnosis of HIV+. Peer counselling, hospital visits and a speakers bureau are also available through our society. Phone 488-5768

**Lutherans Concerned: Edmonton**  
We are a spiritual community for lesbian, gay, bisexual and straight people. Lutherans Concerned gathers monthly for worship, sharing, and friendship. We offer individual support and a safe space for our own spiritual questions. Call Tim at 482-2294, or write P.O. Box 11095, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3K4 e-mail: [luthcon@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca](mailto:luthcon@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca)

**Metropolitan Community Church of Edmonton (M.C.C.)**  
We are a local church within the denomination of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Our major focus is to the defranchised of society. The UFMCC allows anyone to feel a part of the Christian Community and to claim our place in God's Universe. Services are open to all. We worship on Sunday evenings at 7:15 at McDougall United Church - South entrance. Please feel free to join us! Call 429-2321 for more information.

**Northern Chaps**  
Edmonton's Leather - Fetish club for Gay, Lesbian, and straight men and womyn was established six years ago. We strive to educate the rest of the community through workshops, staged demonstrations and events in order to heighten awareness. Northern chaps meets at Boots & Saddle on the first and third Friday of each month at 9 PM.

**Northern Titans**  
Northern Titans is the Gay and Lesbian bowling league in Edmonton. You are welcome to join either as a team member or a drop in. There is a \$12.00 charge for shoes and three games. The 96/97 bowling season starts in September. Call 454-1458 for info.

**Out and Out**  
A recreational based group who welcome all into their organization. Outdoor activities are planned for the entire year. Contact their Hotline at 988-3232 for more information.

**OUTreach**  
OUTreach is a university based organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals interested in an academic atmosphere. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. on campus; main floor of the Athabasca hall. Topics vary from week to week. Additional information is available by calling 988-4166.

**PFLAG**  
Parents, Families, & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. PFLAG promotes the health and well-being of Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual persons, their families and friends through support, education and advocacy. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Newsletter editor Ellen at 465-3057. Outreach to speak confidentially to a PFLAG volunteer 944-1394. Voice Box 3524 (PFLAG) Mon-Thurs, 7-9:30 p.m. (Recording 24 hrs a day).

**Pink Triangle Youth of Edmonton (P.T.Y.E.)**  
The Pink Triangle Youth Group is a program offered by the Community Centre. The youth group exists so that young people age 16 to 21 lesbians, gays, bisexuals and those wondering about their sexuality, can explore their feelings, meet other young people like themselves. Information is available to all in a safe, supportive environment. Phone 488-1574 for more information about the Youth Group.

**S.O.L.O.**  
Social Organization for Lesbians Only is a group that gets together for fun and recreation. Lesbians over 18 are welcome to join in for weekend functions and entertainment. We combine friendship, companionship and support with singles and couples welcome. Call Linda at 447-4776 for more information

**Team Edmonton**  
Team Edmonton - Gay Games Association is set up to provide an opportunity for person interested in participating in the Gay Games through fund raising. If you would like to be involved with Team Edmonton call 486-9661 Box 16 or 482-2789

**Visions - Unitarian Church of Edmonton**  
Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender discussion group. We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month. Call UCE at 454-8073 or Anita at 454-1992. Not necessarily Christian.

**Wominspace**  
The purpose of Wominspace is to foster a positive Lesbian identity among ourselves and the larger community. We hold dances, produce a newsletter and hold other activities. For information call the Lesbian Life at 425-0511.



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While following her dream of exploring Africa, Lily Bascomebe, 19th century adventurer, finds herself searching for the elusive Miss Margery Poole. Adventure turns to romance, and then to conflict as Lily is torn between the enticement of Africa and Margery's love, and loyalty to her English past. *Norwich, VT: New Victoria Publishers 0-934678-25-1*

## Béguin, ReBecca: "Hers was the sky / by ReBecca Béguin."

Experienced pilots Hazel Preston and her lover, Jo, become fierce rivals during the first women's cross-country flying contest. But their personal conflict is soon overshadowed by tragedy as one of the contestants crashes in the mountains. Hazel is convinced it is no accident. While investigating possible sabotage, Hazel falls for Vera, a charming ex-wingwalker and photographer, who may be involved in a betting scheme that threatens the integrity of the race. This blend of historical fiction and mystery is based on the first women's flying Derby of 1929. In it were many of the best-known women pilots of the day, courageous pioneers of aviation. *Norwich, VT: New Victoria Publishers 0934678472 : \$8.95. c1993.*

## Grae, Camarin: "Secret In The Bird, The"

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## Horn, Phyllis: "Chesapeake Project, The"

Like generations of watermen on the fabled Chesapeake Bay, Jessie Andrews and her father make a living harvesting crabs from its depths. Until Jessie's father is murdered, a shocking, gruesome death that contains a message. His killers are not finished. Jessie and her lover Meredith have to flee for their lives. *Tallahassee, FL: Naiad Press, Inc 0-941483-58-4*

## Horn, Phyllis: "Lodestar"

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## Notkin, Debbie: "Women En Large: Images of Fat Nudes"

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## Thompson, Becky W.: "A Hunger So Wide And So Deep: American Women Speak Out On Eating Problems"

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and sexual orientations." *\_Victoria A. Brownworth Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press 0-8166-2434-8*

## Ainley, Rosa; Budge, Belinda: "Lesbian Looks: Postcards From The Edge"

Witty, provocative, poignant, or documentary, this collection of 42 specially commissioned postcards is a visual record of 1990s lesbian politics, culture and lifestyle. Photographers include Tessa Boffin, Jean Fraser, and others. *London, England: Scarlet Press 1-85727-096-7*

## Bernhard, Ruth; Mitchell, Margaretta: "Ruth Bernhard: The Eternal Body, A Collection Of Fifty Nudes"

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# From the Editor

by Dennis Cambly



Putting out three issues in a row has been quite an experience here at Times .10. Please remember that we are an all volunteer society, and that

sometimes volunteers just up and vanish at the last minute. Must have something to do with the pressure of getting around to so many places and talking to so many people. We make every attempt to gather up as much local information as possible and that is what we are really here for anyway. Yes, we still do make those typos, even today, after double proofing. Well, if that is all that someone is reading this publication for they might take Sassy's advice and "get a life". We have kept our two promises over the years; 1. Keep up-to-date with HIV/AIDS information when possible and 2 to keep Times .10 an Edmonton based publication talking about things going on in our city. So keep your stories coming which ever way you can. You can go email or snail mail, your choice.

Things are not always what they appear to be on the surface around our city. As you will read in this issue our mayor, although not camera shy, is extremely homophobic. Does that really surprise anyone? Just like a lot of people, lots of smoke but no fire. Maybe we should all wear Panda Bear outfits and he could declare Panda Bear Week during pride week. Mention Stonewall to the man, and he thinks of Stonewall Jackson. If clues were shoes our mayor would be running bare foot through the park!

Then of course we really don't need the mayor giving us shots in the head. We have people within our own community that do that every day. It appears that they spend their every waking hour looking for the negatives in life and then dragging them into our lives. We do have the option of giving them the boot out of our lives while we listen to them utter their guttural threats to us. Kind of like the idiot who went to a formal function at the Hotel McDonald dressed in jeans, to find that everyone was wearing a tuxedo. He was promptly told to leave. Of course he didn't run to the authorities complaining about that event did he? He is just so far down the ladder, he can't get it up enough to take aim and fire.

Yes, boys and girls we have had a very exciting few months around our city. Many people have been asking if a good part of the gay population was space lifted by aliens off the planet. After all, we do live in Edmonton, and yes, the weather is going to get a touch icy for several months. That does not mean that a persons heart must turn to ice at the same time. So how about getting out and supporting some of the clubs, businesses and organizations through this tough time of year. If you could remove yourself from in front of those sick soap operas in the afternoon, you will find that life is not what they say on those shows. Instead of making every attempt to "get at" each other,

how about making a stronger effort to get together. There are lots of good people to meet within our community. And we are a community!

That said, this editor is going to be taking a much needed break very soon. It appears that the winds of change are once making things happen in larger, happier and far more open cities. You will be kept posted through this magazine, and please, not through the grapevine. Stories about people and events tend to get very distorted that way, making a mountain out of a mole hill.

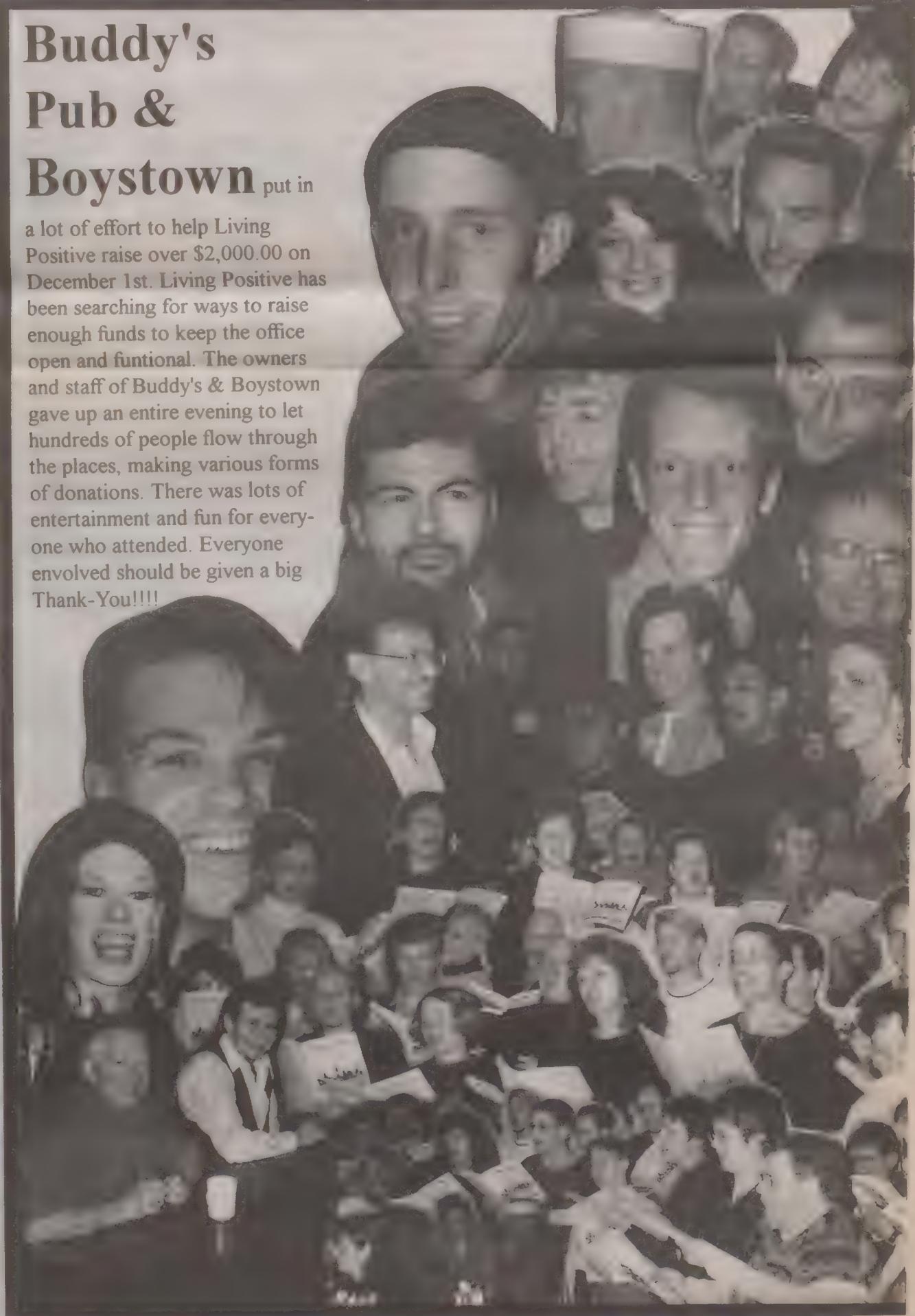
Thank you for your kindness and support over the years. This magazine has brought in some wonderful friends. So much so, that the negatives get a photon torpedo up the dark side of the horse going south. Times .10 Publications Society shall always be looked on as the voice of Edmonton... the brighter side of the same horse.

Keep on being beautiful in all the great works and deeds you do. Remember, you are what you think you are. If you're not sure you like what you see, then simply alter the view!



## Buddy's Pub & Boystown

put in a lot of effort to help Living Positive raise over \$2,000.00 on December 1st. Living Positive has been searching for ways to raise enough funds to keep the office open and functional. The owners and staff of Buddy's & Boystown gave up an entire evening to let hundreds of people flow through the places, making various forms of donations. There was lots of entertainment and fun for everyone who attended. Everyone involved should be given a big Thank-You!!!!



# Commentary

by Fred Dicker

On December 2, 1996, I met with the Mayor of Edmonton, Bill Smith. I was accompanied by Lynn MacDonald of PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) and Kristie Harcourt of Gaywire on CJSR radio. Murray Billett and I had met with the Mayor back in June when he refused to grant us the proclamation we had requested for "Gay and Lesbian Awareness Day". At that time Mayor Smith extended an invitation to us to meet again to discuss our community's issues.

We planned the meeting to be one where we could inform and discuss with the Mayor the various issues and problems that our community faces, and how it relates to the City as a whole. It became apparent within seconds that was not going to happen because he had no intention to listen to, or discuss, any issue seriously.

Mayor Smith stated that there was no way he would ever give us a proclamation unless he was actually legislated to do so. In Alberta, we do not have any legislation to protect us, so he can freely discriminate against us on the basis of sexual orientation. He believes that Edmontonians will support and uphold our rights to be treated equally and not be discriminated against. Therefore we do not "need" a proclamation. Of course, we do not need one. A proclamation is a courtesy. It is a civic recognition of our community and that we, as members, are citizens in good standing of Edmonton. If our community does not "need" a

proclamation, then nobody else in Edmonton does either. However, everyone else does get one when they ask for it, and we are singled out for not "needing one", and we are refused. This refusal is clearly discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, a homophobic action, and is a very serious personal insult to all of us. I also feel that a strong majority of Edmontonians are embarrassed by this refusal.

Mayor Smith refuses to grant us the courtesy of recognition either as a community or as an individual. However, he wants to be invited to come to community functions and meetings and be included in any programs (picture included) printed for those functions. Do you find this contradictory? He wants us to bring to him any and all examples of discrimination that has occurred in our community. Mayor Smith states he is totally against discrimination against anyone, but at the same time, making the point that often a person will claim discrimination because they are black (his example), when indeed it had nothing to do with it. Emphasizing this point tells me that Mayor Smith firmly believes that any identifiable minority that complains about being discriminated against on that basis is just a whiner and so he discounts the complaint on this basis. Do you find this contradictory?

Mayor Smith proudly proclaimed that working for the cause of prevention of violence against women is very important to him personally. He volunteered that he has

a buddy in Calgary who owns an apartment building and he prefers to rent to homosexuals. However, he further added that if he owned an apartment building, he would not rent to two persons of the same sex especially women! When he was asked to elaborate why, he explained that there would be too much noise and traffic of all the men coming and going from the apartment! Do you find this contradictory? In less than an hour of discussion, the Mayor insulted the personal integrity of everyone in our community, everyone in a community of visible minority, and all women.

Edmontonians are suffering through a grand ego trip by the Mayor. He was elected and functions from day to day on name and picture recognition. He is a classic "grip and grin" politician. In his mind, there are no contradictions in what he says because he has no concept at all about leadership or the meaning of the office of Mayor, beyond feeding his own ego.

When the Mayor refused to grant our proclamation, there was 126 applications approved by the corporate communications office at city hall. The other 125 were proclaimed. After we ask for our proclamation this year, there will be a much larger figure for the approved applications and then there will be two that were refused. One for each year. We can be insulted by the Mayor, but we can be an even prouder, stronger and more important community in Edmonton because of it.

Fred Dicker, Co-chair of the Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton.  
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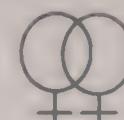
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# Alberta New Democrats Create Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Caucus

by Robert Wm. Smith

Provincial Secretary  
Alberta New Democrats

On September 7, 1996, at its Annual Convention, the Alberta New Democrats endorsed a resolution for the creation of a Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Caucus (LGB). This endorsement gives the Caucus full rights and privileges within the party, including a seat on the Executive and five seats at Provincial Council. The Caucus also receives official delegate status at all conventions. This is a very significant step for the LGB community in Alberta. This is the first recognized Caucus of its kind in Canada and it is somewhat ironic that the LGB community of Canada receives its first political identity in Alberta.

This move by the NDs is not surprising, considering the support of the late Grant Notley, who, in the early 1980's, called upon the Alberta government to include sexual orientation as a protected category in the provincial human rights legislation. At this year's Convention, there were a total of four resolutions passed that deal specifically with lesbian, gay and bisexual issues. Besides the establishing of the LGB, the other resolutions deal with same sex marriages/couples, discrimination in social housing based on sexual orientation, among other things, and the calling for enactment of legislation dealing with sexual orientation in human rights.

Sherry McKibben, President of the ANDP states that "the creation of the Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Caucus is particularly exciting and means two things. Firstly, it recognizes the particular circumstances of its members in this province and it also acknowledges the special contribution towards advancing human rights legislation which we, as members of the LGB can make." Sherry is the first lesbian President of the party and is our candidate for the Provincial Legislature in the constituency of Edmonton Norwood.

Fundamental to the creation of this vehicle was the recognition of two particular needs; the need to take control and to express that control over our own destinies as

members of the whole of society, and, the need to emphatically indicate to Albertans that there is no issue facing one segment of society that does not directly or indirectly effect another. Each of the elements that bonds one segment of society to another are not simply a matter of right, they are also a matter of respect and understanding and of the recognition on a human scale, that because of our differences, commonalities exist.

The isolation caused by the absence of a formal presence of Gays and Lesbians in the socio/political debate in this province, is not only depriving the Gay and Lesbian community of the opportunity to forge its own future and participate openly in the debating of important issues facing all of society, but it also deprives the community at large of some extremely competent opinion.

The LGB is sending out a province wide invitation to all members of the Gay and Lesbian Communities of Alberta. We are seeking new members to join the Alberta New Democrats in the struggle for equality and other important issues facing Albertans, and by doing so, signify that there is a greater sense of legitimacy given to that struggle. One need only be a member of the Alberta New Democrats to be eligible to join the LGB. The party membership fee is currently \$5.00. The LGB is open to all. There is a deliberate attempt to avoid the type of discrimination that has victimized gays and lesbians over the centuries. All interested parties may contact me through party office at:

Robert Wm. Smith:  
Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Caucus (LGB)  
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# A Voice From GLCCE

By Fred Dicker



GLCCE News

Happy New Year!

On December 14, 1996, Wominspace moved their organizations office into the Centre. On behalf of the board, the members and volunteers of GLCCE, we want to welcome them to their new home. We hope their presence, along with other groups at GLCCE, will help to build a strong and vibrant community for us all.

In other news, the peer counselling course has now finished with six men and six women attending the 8 week course. With new counselors coming on board, the Centre will be much better staffed to look after everyone in our community. There will be another course starting, most likely, in March. Our hope is to soon have enough counselors working so each one will only work one night every second week. This will allow each counselor to contribute to our community in a very important way, and still have

time for more personal endeavours. If you have any interest, or need more information, call the Centre.

We will be utilizing resources available to us from places like the Sexual Assault Centre, AADAC, the Support Network and the AIDS Network etc. to help train our new counselors. There will also be workshops held for all volunteers at the Centre, as well as any other interested people. These workshops will be scheduled soon.

We now have a web page for those in our community who have access to the Internet. We will be working hard to keep this page up to date and very complete. This will require lots of work on our part and lots of help from everyone in the community. If you are scheduling any continuing or one-time events, call the Centre anytime and leave a message.

The fall course of the Gay Mens Outreach Crew was very successful. There are new courses starting in February - call the AIDS Network. GLCCE will be conducting a similar course for women starting around the same time.

We are now showing a community theme

movie, compliments of Lyon's Empire, every Wednesday night at no charge. Anyone can just drop in and enjoy the movie in the company of others.

In December, a key volunteer at the centre moved to Calgary because of on-going employment. He will certainly be missed. Jeff Suhr was a hard working and reliable volunteer for the Centre and our community. Edmonton's loss is Calgary's gain. We wish Jeff all the best and want to thank him for his fantastic efforts as a volunteer.

Many members of our community received a letter from GLCCE in December. It was about the Centre Renter fund raising program. It is a way that busy people in our community can donate a small amount of money on a monthly basis to the centre, to pay the rent, so other people who do have time to volunteer can focus their energy on running various programs at the Centre instead of exhausting themselves raising funds to pay the rent. The mailing list consisted of individuals that board members could identify with an address, and did not include many individuals who believe in the importance of the Centre but were not aware of and want to contribute their share either by financial donation or

volunteering. Do call, please.

The Centre made great progress in 1996, to become what it should be for our community. We intend to move on to even bigger and better things in 1997 to help make our community prouder, stronger and more vibrant.

Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton Suite 103, 10612-124 Street. Phone 488-3234 Web page - <http://freenet.edmonton.ab.ca/glcce/> email - [henrymla@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca](mailto:henrymla@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca) Information line 988-4018

## Movie Schedule

January 8 - Priest  
January 15 - Victor/Victoria  
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# Kids Christmas

The Roost would like to thank all those who made our 4th Annual Kids Christmas Party on Sunday December 15th a great success. The party started at 2pm and lasted until 7pm.

It was amazing to see how much the children have grown in the past year. Princess Endora's daughter, Miranda, organized games for the kids. Cherry and B&B Entertainment hosted a wonderful Christmas Karaoke. Everyone who sang was given a ticket to win a cute 'n cuddly teddy bear, which was graciously donated by B&B Entertainment.

At 4:30pm Santa was heard flying above The Roost. He soon stopped in to greet all the children with a jolly "Ho, Ho, Ho", and his bag of toys.

After Santa headed back to the North Pole, Tap Productions dazzled us all with Christmas Carols. Many children joined in for an old fashioned sing along. Soon the festivities came to an end and the children left with full tummies, a gift from Santa and the Christmas Spirit.

Now it is time to say good night and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and the best for the New Year. Love Always, Sticky Vicky  
Prom Queen 10

## Prom King and Queen???

by Prom Queen 10 Sticky Vicky & Prom King Ten Christine

What is this about? Edmonton has an Emperor and Empress, a Prince and Princess, Mr., Mz. and Ms. Gay; so why a Prom King and



Queen?

The Roost started this tradition just over ten years ago. This would give those who loved to perform a chance to be the bar's representatives. These titles are held for one year and the reigning Prom King and Queen would be responsible for organizing weekly shows, fund-raisers and special holiday shows. Money is raised for a charity of their choice, gay positive of course.

These titles are not affiliated with the

I.S.C.W.R. in any way. Although the Prom Queen Association, P.Q.A., is always willing to donate their time with Edmonton's Court.

Over the years, we have seen many production shows on the Roost stage; The Disney Show, Viva Las Vegas, Rocky Horror, The Tammy Faye Baker Revival and more. Presently the P.Q.A. is putting together The Sound of Music, to be performed in the new year.

The Prom Kings and Queens have always helped in organizing the Annual AIDS Benefit held every November 11th. Prom King and Queen 7, Natasha and Chris, organized the first annual Kids Christmas Party which is now in it's fourth year.

Every Sunday the Roost has a \$1.00 door charge and all proceeds are given to the years chosen charity. At midnight the spot light is brought out, the lights are dimmed and then starts the Prom Queen Variety Show. This is usually an open stage show for anyone to perform for either their first time or thousandth. Anyone interested in performing, live singers, drag queens, comedians and more, may feel free to contact the Roost's Prom King or Queen.

We are proud to say that the P.Q.A. is in it's tenth year and will be choosing their eleventh representatives later in April, 1997. Mz Eva and Gilligan, a.k.a. Jim, will be honored as the Roost's first Prom King and Queen, held a decade ago.

The evening's gala event will be titled "It's Time To Party", hosted by Prom Queen Four, Khristy Krunt, and her special guests.

If you have questions, comments, show suggestions

or wish to perform at the Roost, simply contact Sticky Vicky, P.Q. Ten or Christine P.K. Ten.

We wish you the best in the New Year and look forward to entertaining you at the Roost throughout the year.

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Canadian Gay and Lesbian Association (GALA) Choruses will be holding their first National Festival in Edmonton in May 1998. To celebrate this extraordinary event, they are seeking the perfect logo to represent their visual identity.

This image should convey the diversity and inclusivity of the GALA communities, and the positive energy and freedom of the Festival. The image will be used in many different materials, from business cards to banners, and should transfer well from colour to black and white. Submissions should include a hard copy of logo design in both Colour and b/w as well as the designer's name, address, and phone number.

The successful applicant shall receive two full festival passes, creative recognition, and our undying gratitude.

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BY David Michael



## Aries

For those born at the beginning of this sign, the year begins as the old one ended with low energy and restrictions on your activities. For most of you, however, a new surge of energy regarding food or health related matters could move you to make changes in that area. You have more energy now to take care of details and may find yourself working to "perfect" yourself in some ways. Your sense of practicality is high this month. During February, many of you will run into an emotional confrontation with someone older than yourself, or with some authority figure. Your feelings, emotions and need to DO something, may be running against your own best interest. This is a good time to make resolutions and to try to work with others on group set objectives.



## Taurus

You will probably find yourself wanting to cut through superficialities in January. The energy to go through your closets, sorting and discarding is high, and whether you use it on the physical, emotional, mental or spiritual plane is up to you. There is opportunity at various points in this month to have your philosophical point of view expanded, through exposure to new ideas or lifestyles. In February your sense of practicality is high. Career or vocational issues can benefit from the increased clarity you have and you could find yourself being recognized for some innovative approach, or just for your own special talents. Even more than usual, you value what is long lasting and love what is real and solid.



## Gemini

You may feel less sociable in January than is usual for you, desiring to get down to business. There is an urge to strip away, and discard, non-essentials and memories of things past. Unsentimental about what you find, you're able to separate the wheat from the chaff. Your mind is concerned with depth this month. During February, your inclination is towards straight talk. With your honed perceptions of others now, you might have to watch your tongue, to prevent sarcasm from being the tool you use to cut through the dross you seem able to see in situations and people. There is opportunity for mind expansion from many quarters, if you keep an open mind.



## Cancer

The New year finds you needing to be more social, especially in one on one contacts. If you have not been carrying baggage from your past, there is little likelihood of hurts. However, unfinished business with others will have a tendency to come to the fore now especially around the full moon. You have been challenged over the last few months to examine your philosophies with regard to relationship and that will continue for a good part of this year. February finds you spending at least part of the time near the beginning of the month culling what you have. This could manifest as a tossing out of much unneeded junk you've been carrying both physically and emotionally. You can be less sentimental about looking at the past at this time and sorting out old hurts.



## Leo

January may easily find you paying closer attention to your dietary regime than the pre-holiday bashes would have indicated. The energy focus at this time for you is certainly on healthiness, so exercise could also be on the agenda. Your attentiveness to detail is high, and so is your ability to critique both yourself and others. Combined, these qualities can lead you to a more perfect you. The full moon on the 23rd bodes

well for unexpected relationship opportunities to present themselves to you.

February dawns with your attention on another. There could easily have been a number of unusual encounters leading into the month, and for you singles, it's almost as if you can have your pick. Remember that what seems too good to be true, usually is. Unexpected opportunities arise around your partner near the 22nd.



## Virgo

Always sensible, at least in your own mind, you truly shine in practical, creative solutions during the first half of January. Unfortunately, these may not be noticed until mid-month. Your ability to organize and criticize is maximized, and recognized, in late January and the first week of February. Make note of the recognition to recall later when you feel unappreciated.

February brings an added burden of details. Any health problems that occur during this period are likely stress related, and you'd be advised to examine your daily routine to see how much time you can give to your own healthful relaxation. Get as much rest as you can, in spite of an over busy mind the week of the 11th.



## Libra

The new year starts with your attention focused on the home, and on security issues. You may spend a good deal of time just reminiscing about the past. Around mid month you might easily find your activities coming into conflict with an older person, or with some authority figure. Don't prevaricate, as your actions now will determine how long term this conflict will be. For a few, the limits placed on you could last the whole year. Watch the 23rd of the month for unexpected fun times, or opportunities to shine in public. February brings out the inner child in you. This can be good if the energy for fun and creativity is channeled, but just giving in to good times and playfulness without regard to the longer term picture could have you truly woeful by the end of March.



## Scorpio

New years resolutions will likely be made a week late this year. Certainly that is when you have a greater capacity to observe your unconscious habits and initiative to take action against them. For the good part of the next three months, you are called on by an inner voice to let go of some aspect of your behavior patterns. Where you don't heed this voice, external conflict is bound to arise. January's focus will be on communications of all kinds.

February finds you more concerned with security issues. Your time at home, or with family, are important at this time for the emotional healing that can occur. Many of you will be feeling the need to find a new home at this time, and there is opportunity offered at the full moon of January, as well as the one in February. January's option has more potential, but you may not yet feel ready until February's.



## Sagittarius

The earliest of this sign are undergoing some slow, deep and profound changes to how they perceive themselves. The full moon of the 23rd will give unexpected opportunity to communicate some of this depth to an older, or wiser, counsellor, and get good advice. For the remainder of you in this philosophical sign, the bulk of January will be concerned with financial issues, assessing the overindulgence that most of you partook of during the December holiday spree. Look for unexpected, maybe even shocking news near the full moon of the 23rd.

February finds you sharing some of the philosophical wisdom you've come to understand with others in social settings. Communication of all kinds is indicated, so if you've always wanted to set down your personal insights of life in book form, this is the time to start.



## Capricorn

Earlier in January your attention is likely to be on self improvement of some kind or another. Many of you decided at Christmas to make changes in home or career, and now is the time to carry through with these. For those of you feeling dissatisfied with some aspect of

self, the steps you take now could lead to a rewarding blooming of confidence later in the month. The week of the 11th will seem overly taxing for many, but it will be short term, so don't let it get you drawn into someone else's agenda. Maintain your integrity. Keep your eye out for a money making opportunity between the 21st and 24th.

February's attention turns to the resources you have to work with to attain your objectives. Money and property are bound to need some attention at this time. Reassessing exactly what you have, and what else you will need to attain your goals, would be fruitful time spent this month.



## Aquarius

Decisions pending since November or December must be made after January 13th, if possible. Otherwise they'll need rethinking. The full moon of January 23rd will bring powerful events into most of your lives. The exact nature of what transpires will vary, depending on your age and the time of day you were born, but there is opportunity for sudden increase in some area of your life now. Don't be alarmed if projects seem slow off the mark, or don't show immediate promise this month. After a few frustrating years just past, '97 holds much promise.

February's full moon brings a recollection and resurgence of the energies and issues that were in force in late January. As long as the plans and decisions made were based on honest values, and there was no hidden agenda, promises made should now come through.



## Pisces

January starts off with energies best directed in teamwork. Striving toward a common goal with like minded people will give you the information and insight to set personal objectives. If you suffer from foot in mouth disease early in the month, don't let it get you down. As sensitive as you can be to others, you know that there is forgiveness of minor gaffs in most people's souls. Sudden and, in some cases, irrational behavior on your part the week of the 20th, is useful in as much it points out some underlying behavior or belief patterns which may need attention. February could find you seeking, if not more solitude, at least more introspection. If you were one of those fortunate enough to be caught at the January full moon in an embarrassment, then you can easily see what patterns you've been relying upon which need change. February's full moon is followed by an invitation to join some inspiring group.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>12 Vicky's Big and Bold</b> Show	<b>13 Sing for AIDS</b> 8-12	<b>14 MALE BOX</b>	<b>15 AMATEUR STRIP \$1.50 Cash</b> 12 pm	<b>16 Pippa's Night Out</b>	<b>17 COUNTRY Dance Party</b>	<b>18 RETRO CAFFE</b> 2 floors
<b>19 Battle of the Bitches</b> 11:30	<b>20 KARAOKE with Host Cherry</b>	<b>21 Hot MALE STRIPPER</b>	<b>22 How Well Do You Know Your Lover?</b>	<b>23 NEW SOUNDS</b> all nite	<b>24 LATE NITE</b>	<b>25 \$1.50 Balls</b> High 10-11 pm
<b>26 50's Soc-Hop Show</b> 11:30	<b>27 Mystery Karaoke</b> 8-12 am	<b>28 Jua MALE STRIPPERS</b>	<b>29 Ring In The New Year 2 Stripers</b>	<b>30 \$1.50 Balls</b> High 8-11 pm	<b>31 POOL Tournament</b> 9 pm	<b>1 BLACK OUT PARTY</b>

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